## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## The growth mechanism of zinc oxide and hydrozincite: a study using electron microscopy and in-situ SAXS

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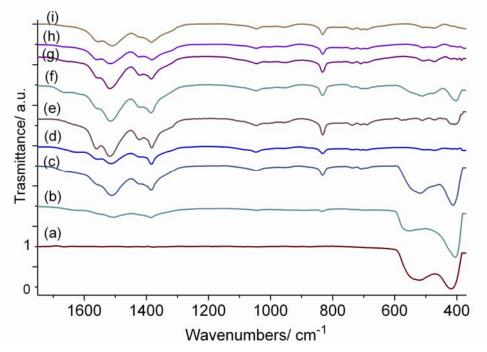
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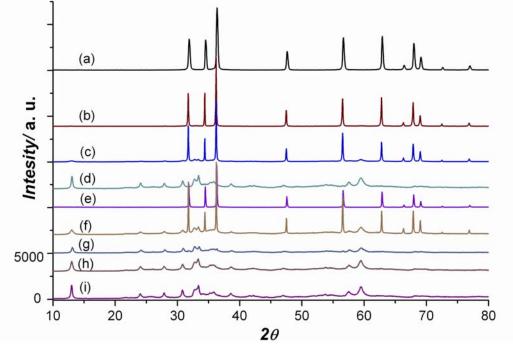
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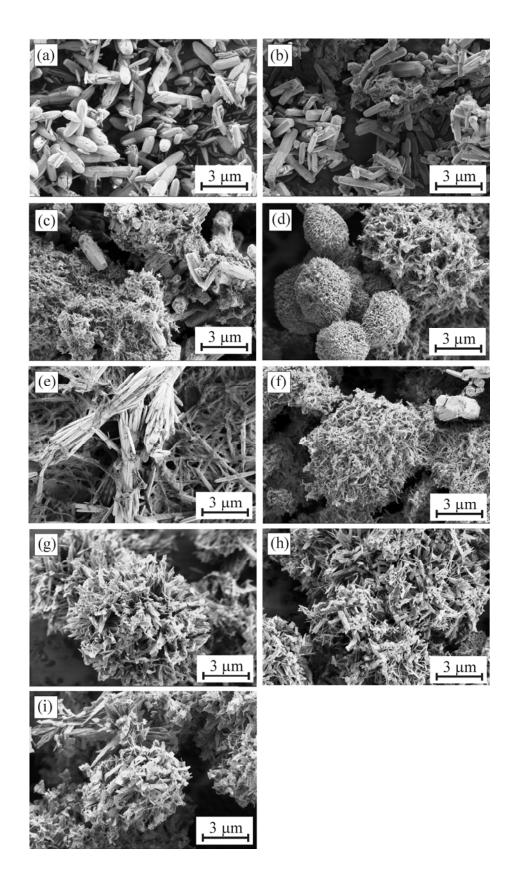
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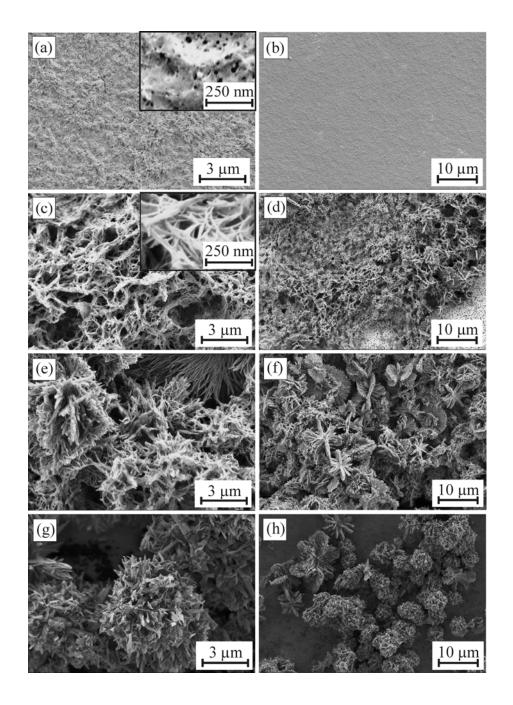
ESI Figure 1: FTIR spectra of: (a) – Sample A2, (b) – Sample A3, (c) – Sample B2, (d) – Sample B3, (e) – Sample C1, (f) – Sample C2, (g) – Sample D1, (h) – Sample D2 and (i) – Sample D3.



ESI Figure 2: XRD spectra of: (a) – Sample A2, (b) – Sample A3, (c) –Sample B2, (d) – Sample B3, (e) – Sample C1, (f) – Sample C2, (g) – Sample D1, (h) – Sample D2 and (i) – Sample D3.



ESI Figure 3: FE-SEM micrographs of the samples morphology after 2 hours of synthesis: (a) – Sample A2, (b) – Sample A3 and (c) – Sample B2, (d) – Sample B3, (e) – Sample C1, (f) – Sample C2, (g) – Sample D1, (h) – Sample D1 and (i) – Sample D3.



ESI Figure 4: FE-SEM micrographs of Sample D3 (Zn 0.05 M, urea 0.25 M, water) after various reaction times: (a, b) - 30 min, (c, d) - 45 min, (e, f) - 60 min and (g, h) - 90 min.